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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Applications, copies of which are enclosed, and to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Forms. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

| Application Number | Filing Date | Group Art Unit | Status |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| 09/596,052 | June 16, 2000 | 2881 | Pending |
| 09/629,893 | July 31, 2000 | 2881 | Pending |
| 09/337,654 | June 22, 1999 | Unknown | Pending |
| 09/069,748 | April 30, 1998 | 2878 | Issued |
| 09/733,980 | December 12, 2000 | 2881 | Pending |
| 09/639,078 | August 16, 2000 | Unknown | Pending |
| 09/629,902 | July 31, 2000 | 2881 | Pending |
| 09/457,310 | December 9, 1999 | 2853 | Pending |
| 09/533,217 | March 23, 2000 | 1756 | Pending |
| 09/733,973 | December 12, 2000 | 2879 | Pending |

FEE STATEMENT

No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits or (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fee be due in connection with this paper.

REMARKS

Applicants request that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that annotated copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 Forms be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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